

INDEPENDENT LIVING ASSESSMENT

REHABILITATION ENGINEERING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Name: _____ Date _____

Many individuals may be able to work in their current employment position or return to previous positions if rehabilitation engineering or assistive technology is provided in either the work place or in their home. Individuals come to VR needing various services and an important aspect of assisting individuals with obtaining employment is providing the person with the engineering and technology services necessary to help them obtain or maintain employment.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	DIFFICULTIES AND RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS
Is the individual having difficulty in her/his home or work environment as a direct result of a disability?	
Is there a specific task that is causing problems?	
What are your observations of the person's ability to ambulate or do key tasks that might be done in the home or community?	
Does the individual already use equipment, but it is inadequate?	
Is the disability physically progressive? Will the individual have more difficulty in the future?	
Does the individual experience fatigue that might interfere in persistent effort at work or home?	
Does the individual know what would make his/her life more manageable?	

Has the individual's doctor or other professional recommended any adaptive equipment?	
Are there side effects from prescribed medications that might affect the individual's ability to function independently?	
Does the individual appear to be able to manage their hygiene and grooming?	
Is strength a concern when completing physical tasks?	
Can the individual access their home or work environment?	
Does equipment in the home or work environment require adaptation to make tasks easier?	
Does the individual require some assistance for funding equipment?	
Can the individual access needed living areas (bathroom, kitchen, laundry room, bedroom) to be independent?	
What is the latest technology available to address certain limitations facing individuals?	
Are you financially capable to repair/maintain equipment?	
Do you have a plan for saving money to replace equipment?	